

Amendments Submitted: Pages S6110–S6237
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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—191) Page S6083
Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:31 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday,

September 12, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6239.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 6370–6376; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 118; and H. Res. 777 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages H5860–61

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 4631, to require quarterly reports on agency conferences and meetings, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–664). Page H5859

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H5769

Recess: The House recessed at 10:31 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. Page H5772

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Government Spending Accountability Act of 2012: H.R. 4631, amended, to require quarterly reports on agency conferences and meetings;

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Government Customer Service Improvement Act: H.R. 538, amended, to require the establishment of customer service standards for Federal agencies;

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Child and Elderly Missing Alert Program: H.R. 4305, amended, to authorize the Attorney General to provide a grant to assist Federal, State, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies in the rapid recovery of missing individuals;

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Amending the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program: H.R. 2800, amended, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to reau-

thorize the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program; Pages H5790–91

Local Courthouse Safety Act of 2012: H.R. 6185, amended, to improve security at State and local courthouses; Pages H5791–93

Amending the Trademark Act of 1946 to correct an error in the provisions relating to remedies for dilution: H.R. 6215, amended, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to correct an error in the provisions relating to remedies for dilution;

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Reporting Efficiency Improvement Act: H.R. 6189, amended, to eliminate unnecessary reporting requirements for unfunded programs under the Office of Justice Programs; Page H5796

Making improvements in the enactment of title 41, United States Code, into a positive law title and to improve the Code: H.R. 6080, to make improvements in the enactment of title 41, United States Code, into a positive law title and to improve the Code; Pages H5796–H5814

Improving Transparency of Education Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2012: H.R. 4057, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop a comprehensive policy to improve outreach and transparency to veterans and members of the Armed Forces through the provision of information on institutions of higher learning; Pages H5817–21

No-Hassle Flying Act of 2012: H.R. 6028, amended, to authorize the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to modify screening requirements for checked baggage arriving from preclearance airports; Pages H5824–26

Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest Establishment Act: S. 710, amended, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to direct the Administrator of

the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a hazardous waste electronic manifest system;

Pages H5826–28

Extending the Undertaking Spam, Spyware, and Fraud Enforcement With Enforcers Beyond Borders Act of 2006: H.R. 6131, to extend the Undertaking Spam, Spyware, And Fraud Enforcement With Enforcers Beyond Borders Act of 2006;

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Vietnam Human Rights Act: H.R. 1410, amended, to promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam;

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North Korean Refugee Adoption Act: H.R. 1464, to develop a strategy for assisting stateless children from North Korea;

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Calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to respect basic human rights: H. Res. 484, amended, to call on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to respect basic human rights and cease abusing vague national security provisions such as articles 79 and 88 of the Vietnamese penal code which are often the pretext to arrest and detain citizens who peacefully advocate for religious and political freedom; and

Pages H5844–46

Expressing the sense of Congress that Taiwan should be accorded observer status in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO): S. Con. Res. 17, to express the sense of Congress that Taiwan should be accorded observer status in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:46 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Minnesota Education Investment and Employment Act and FISA Amendments Act Reauthorization Act of 2012—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 773, the rule that is providing for consideration of H.R. 5544, Minnesota Education Investment and Employment Act and providing for consideration of H.R. 5949, FISA Amendments Act Reauthorization Act of 2012, by a recorded vote of 233 yeas to 179 noes, Roll No. 561, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 232 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 560.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, September 10th:

FHA Emergency Fiscal Solvency Act of 2012: H.R. 4264, amended, to help ensure the fiscal solvency of the FHA mortgage insurance programs of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development,

by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 402 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 562.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Stolen Valor Act of 2012: H.R. 1775, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish a criminal offense relating to fraudulent claims about military service;

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Extending by 3 years the authorization of the EB–5 Regional Center Program, the E-Verify Program, the Special Immigrant Nonminister Religious Worker Program, and the Conrad State 30 J–1 Visa Waiver Program: S. 3245, to extend by 3 years the authorization of the EB–5 Regional Center Program, the E-Verify Program, the Special Immigrant Nonminister Religious Worker Program, and the Conrad State 30 J–1 Visa Waiver Program;

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Public Transit Security and Local Law Enforcement Support Act: H.R. 3857, amended, to amend the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to include as an eligible use the sustainment of specialized operational teams used by local law enforcement under the Transit Security Grant Program; and

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American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2012: H.R. 5865, amended, to promote the growth and competitiveness of American manufacturing.

Pages H5830–35

Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation, for an additional year, of the emergency declared with respect to the terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 112–138).

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Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism is to continue in effect beyond September 23, 2012—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 112–139).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5785–86, H5786–87 and H5787. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NAVY SHIPBUILDING IN A TIME OF FISCAL UNCERTAINTY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, on Navy shipbuilding and impacts on the defense industrial base in a time of fiscal uncertainty. Testimony was heard from Sean J. Stackley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Research, Development and Acquisition; and Rear Admiral Thomas J. Eccles, USN, Chief Engineer and Deputy Commander for Naval Systems Engineering, Naval Sea Systems Command.

CHEMICAL FACILITY ANTI-TERRORISM STANDARDS PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing entitled “The Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program—A Progress Report”. Testimony was heard from Rand Beers, Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Cathleen Berrick, Managing Director, Homeland Security and Justice Team, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

ACCOUNTABILITY IN GRANTS ACT OF 2012

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on H.R. 4255, the “Accountability in Grants Act of 2012”. Testimony was heard from Craig E. Hooks, Assistant Administrator, Office of Administration and Resources Management, Environmental Protection Agency; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a markup of the following: H.R. 1206, the “Access to Professional Health Insurance Advisors Act of 2011”; H.R. 6118, the “Taking Essential Steps for Testing Act of 2012”; H.R. 1063, the “Strengthening Medicare and Repaying Taxpayers Act of 2011”; H.R. 6163, the “National Pediatric Research Network Act of 2012”; H.R. 4124, the “Veteran Emergency Medical Technician Support Act of 2012”; and H.R. 733, the “Pancreatic Cancer Research and Education Act of 2012”. The following measures were forwarded, as amended: H.R. 4124; H.R. 733; and H.R. 6118. The following measures were forwarded, without amendment: H.R. 1206; H.R. 1063; and H.R. 6163.

FUTURE OF THE TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity held

a hearing entitled “TRIA at Ten Years: The Future of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ELEVEN YEARS LATER: PREVENTING TERRORISTS FROM COMING TO AMERICA

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “Eleven Years Later: Preventing Terrorists from Coming to America”. Testimony was heard from Kelli Ann Walther, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy, Department of Homeland Security; Kevin McAleenan, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; John Woods, Assistant Director, National Security Investigations, Homeland Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Charles K. Edwards, Acting Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; and Edward Ramotowski, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

ELEVEN YEARS AFTER 9/11 CAN TSA EVOLVE TO MEET THE NEXT TERRORIST THREAT?

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled “Eleven Years After 9/11 Can TSA Evolve To Meet the Next Terrorist Threat?”. Testimony was heard from John Halinski, Deputy Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; and Stephen Lord, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office.

CHU MEMORANDUM

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Chu Memorandum: Directives Could Increase Electricity Costs for over 40 Million Families and Small Businesses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 6364, the “Frank Buckles World War I Memorial Act”; and H.R. 4969, the “California Coastal National Monument Expansion Act of 2012”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cleaver, Poe (TX), and Thompson (CA); Stephen E. Whitesell, Regional Director, National Capital Region, National Park Service; and Carl Roundtree, Assistant Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior.